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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 and 35-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-32 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 33 and 35-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to a communication filed on 11/16/07.
2. Claims 1-33 and 35-40 are pending in this application; and, claims 1, 15, 21, 24, 31 and 33 are independent claims. Claims 13-32 have been withdrawn from consideration; claim 34 has been cancelled; and, claims 1, 33, 35, 39 and 40 have been amended. This action is made Final.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 1-4, 6-12, 33 and 35-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bjoernsen et al. ("Bjoernsen", US #7,213,051) in view of Zhu et al. ("Zhu", US #7,213,051), and further in view of Estrada et al. ("Estrada", US # 6,744,447 B2).

As per claim 1, Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document comprising: displaying a document editing pane for editing the shared document (fig. 1, presentation view/document editing pane 20 displays a document that may be viewed and annotated by users in a collaboration session) and displaying a collaboration pane close to the document editing pane, the collaboration pane operative to display the collaboration data (paragraph [0079]). Bjoernsen does not explicitly disclose a collaboration pane

being adjacent to a document editing pane. Zhu teaches a collaboration pane being adjacent to a document editing pane (fig. 34; col. 126, lines 6-17, 30-36 and 49-57; document editing is performed in the content viewer/document editing pane 3420 located to the left side of window 3400, document editing pane 3420 is adjacent to panel/collaboration pane 3430; collaboration pane 3430 comprises a UI element which, when selected, causes the identities of the one or more collaborators to be displayed in the Attendees & Chat panel on the right of window 3400; a control bar separates the panels and the document editing pane 3420). It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to incorporate the method of Zhu with the method of Bjoernsen so that often used commands are located closest to an associated area of focus.

Bjoernsen and Zhu still do not explicitly disclose a list identifying a task to be performed, a subject matter of the task, a priority of the task and a due date for completion of the task. Estrada teaches a list identifying a task to be performed, a subject matter of the task, a priority of the task and a due date for completion of the task (fig. 22; col. 48, lines 46-67). It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to incorporate the method of Estrada with the method of Bjoernsen and Zhu in order to provide users with customization options in accordance with desired field types.

As per claim 2, the modified Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document comprising: the identities of one or more collaborators wherein the collaboration pane comprises a user interface element which, when selected, causes the identities of the

one or more collaborators to be displayed (Bjoernsen: paragraph [0079]; a launch pad with the identities of one or more collaborators can be launched in the tool area of a portal such as portal 12 by clicking a UI element such as a link in the header area).

As per claim 3, the modified Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein a network status is displayed in the collaboration pane for each of the one or more collaborators (Bjoernsen: paragraph [0071]).

As per claim 4, the modified Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document comprising: receiving the selection of the displayed identity for a one of the one or more collaborators (Bjoernsen: paragraphs [0070] and [0073]; the displayed identity comprises selectable hyperlinks and icons); in response to receiving the selection, displaying one or more actions that may be performed with respect to the selected identity (Bjoernsen: figs. 10-14; paragraphs [0070] and [0073]; collaboration services/actions that may be performed with respect to the selected identity include "Send Email", "Instant Message", "Chat", "Create Appointment", "Add Contact", "Remove Contact", etc.); receiving a selection of a one of the one or more actions (Bjoernsen: paragraphs [0070]-[0074]); and performing the selected action (Bjoernsen: paragraphs [0070] and [0073]; e.g. selection of a displayed identity may start a collaboration process with the contact such as by opening an empty e-mail addressed to the contact).

As per claim 6, the modified Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein a one of the one or more actions comprises placing a telephone call to a number associated with the selected identity (Bjoernsen: figs. 10-11; paragraph [0083]; in addition to instant messaging and chat services/actions, telephony actions are provided as well).

As per claim 7, the modified Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein a one of the one or more actions comprises sending an electronic mail message to an address associated with the selected entity (Bjoernsen: paragraph [0070]).

As per claim 8, the modified Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein a one of the one or more actions comprises initiating an instant messaging session with the selected identity (Bjoernsen: fig. 14; paragraph [0093]).

As per claim 9, the modified Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein a one of the one or more actions comprises editing information associated with the selected identity (Bjoernsen: paragraph [0087]).

As per claim 10, the modified Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein a one of the one or more actions comprises removing authorization to access a

collaboration group related to the collaboration data for the selected identity (Bjoernsen: paragraph [0083]).

As per claim 11, the modified Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein a one of the one or more actions comprises adding the selected identity to a contacts list (Bjoernsen: fig. 11; paragraph [0083]).

As per claim 12, the modified Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein a one of the one or more actions comprises viewing properties/information associated with the selected identity (Bjoernsen: fig. 12; paragraph [0084]; selection of a displayed identity causes the displayed identity to be displayed in recent contacts display area 260).

As per claims 33, 39 and 40, Bjoernsen teaches a method and a computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing the method and a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document, the method, apparatus and computer-readable medium comprising: providing a first UI pane for editing the shared electronic document (fig. 1, presentation view/UI pane 20 displays a document that may be viewed and annotated by users in a collaboration session); providing a second UI pane close to the first UI for viewing and managing the collaboration data, the second UI pane comprising a first UI object which, when

selected, will cause an identity for each of one or more collaborators on the shared electronic document to be displayed in the second user interface pane (paragraph [0079]; selecting a first UI object expands to display the list of contacts/collaborators). Bjoernsen does not explicitly disclose a second UI pane being adjacent to a first UI for viewing and managing the collaboration data. Zhu teaches a second UI pane being adjacent to a first UI for viewing and managing the collaboration data (fig. 34; col. 126, lines 6-17, 30-36 and 49-57; document editing is performed in the content viewer/first UI pane 3420 located to the left side of window 3400, first UI pane 3420 is adjacent to panel/second UI pane 3430; second UI pane 3430 comprises a UI element which, when selected, causes the identities of the one or more collaborators to be displayed in the Attendees & Chat panel on the right of window 3400; a control bar separates the panels and the first UI pane 3420). It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to incorporate the method of Zhu with the method of Bjoernsen so that often used commands are located closest to an associated area of focus.

Bjoernsen and Zhu still do not explicitly disclose displaying one or more tasks when a second UI object is selected and a list identifying a task to be performed, a subject matter of the task, a priority of the task and a due date for completion of the task. Estrada teaches displaying one or more tasks when a second UI object is selected and a list identifying a task to be performed, a subject matter of the task, a priority of the task and a due date for completion of the task (figs. 22-23; col. 48, lines 46-67). It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to incorporate the method of

Estrada with the method of Bjoernsen and Zhu in order to provide users with customization views in accordance with desired field types.

As per claim 35, the modified Bjoernsen teaches method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein the collaboration data comprises the identities of one or more documents, and wherein the second UI pane further comprises a UI object/third UI object which, when selected, will cause the identities of the one or more documents to be displayed in the second user interface pane (Bjoernsen: fig. 12, area 246).

As per claim 36, the modified Bjoernsen teaches method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein the collaboration data comprises saved information such as one or more links or documents (Bjoernsen: paragraph [0049]), and wherein the second UI pane further comprises a UI object/fourth user interface object which, when selected, will cause one or more objects such as documents to be displayed (Bjoernsen: fig. 12) wherein users could drag an object/document to a launch pad/second UI pane (Bjoernsen: paragraph [0087]). The modified Bjoernsen further teaches one or more links to be displayed in the second UI pane along with other saved information (Estrada; figs. 22-23).

As per claim 37, the modified Bjoernsen teaches method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein the collaboration data comprises document information associated with the shared electronic document, and wherein the second UI pane further comprises a UI object/fifth UI object which, when selected, will cause the document information to be

displayed in the second user interface pane (Bjoernsen: paragraphs [0059], [0076] and [0086]); provided are document information such as which copy of the document shared during the session and the type of the object).

As per claim 38, the modified Bjoernsen teaches method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document comprising periodically updating the collaboration data (Bjoernsen: paragraphs [0031], [0047], [0055] and [0062]).

5. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bjoernsen et al. ("Bjoernsen", US #7,213,051) in view of Zhu et al. ("Zhu", US #7,213,051) as applied to claim 4, in view of Estrada et al. ("Estrada", US # 6,744,447 B2), and further in view of Screen Shots of Microsoft Outlook ("MS Outlook").

As per claim 5, although the modified Bjoernsen teaches a method for viewing and managing collaboration data from within the context of a shared electronic document wherein a one of the one or more actions comprises scheduling an appointment related to the selected identity (Bjoernsen: figs. 11, 13 and 14; paragraphs [0091] and [0093]), the modified Bjoernsen does not explicitly disclose scheduling an appointment on a calendar. MS Outlook teaches scheduling an appointment on a calendar for a currently selected identity (figs. 2-3; following the selection of "New Appointment", "New Meeting Request" or "Plan a Meeting" command depicted within the "Actions" category drop down menu (located in the toolbar of fig. 2), a window, such as the "Attendee Availability" tab displayed in fig. 3, displays the selected, for example, Mr. Smith's calendar for scheduling an appointment). It would have been obvious to an

artisan at the time of the invention to incorporate the method of MS Outlook with the method of the modified Bjoernsen in order to further aide users in planning their time given that users relate to schedules in calendar form, especially when scheduling an appointment/meeting, booking hotel/flight reservations, completing electronic timecards and filling out dates for reimbursement/payment periods.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 33 and 36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Bellotti et al. (US 2003/0135558 A1) teach a UI for a message-based system having embedded information including subject, date, priority and task-related information (figs. 9 and 14-16; paragraph [0049]).

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Inquires

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Lê Nguyen whose telephone number is **(571) 272-4068**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley, can be reached at (571) 272-3923.

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